



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshiaki SHIMIZU

Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/743,383

Examiner: GRIFFIN, Steven

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 12073-0004

For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING A PREFORM FOR OPTICAL FIBER, BURNER
SYSTEM USEFUL FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD AND APPRATUS
COMPRISING THE BURNER SYSTEM

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the status of the above-identified application, particularly, when we will receive a first Office Action on the merits. The last communication from The Office was the official filing receipt dated May 28, 2004.

Please advise as to the current status of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is no fee required for this submission, however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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